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# Global Prayer Alert

A weekly prayer guide for congregations, prayer groups and 24-hour prayer watches.  
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## **Revival in the Body of Christ**

*Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You. My flesh and my heart fail; but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. (Ps. 73:25-26).* There is nothing greater than to seek God with all your heart and spend time with Him. Even if you have become slack in your devotional time, cry out to Him to draw you near to Him again. Ask Him to reveal His grace and love to You and to fascinate You with His holiness and beauty. **O God, my heart fails often and so many times do I turn away from You. Today I ask for Your mercy. Hear my humble cry and draw me into Your presence. You are the strength of my heart and portion forever.**

## **Testimony: Prayer Spaces in Schools**

'Prayer Spaces In Schools' are enabling children to explore faith and spirituality in a safe, creative and interactive way. In the UK, prayer spaces are spreading fast. Schools and youth workers say these creative, prayer/reflective spaces provide simple effective ways to communicate and to welcome young people into experiences of Christian faith. Teachers say prayer spaces fit well with different curriculum areas. There were 6 prayer spaces in 2008, 12 in 2009, 48 in 2010 and 92 in 2011. There are others known about but not officially recorded. (E-mail: [editor@prayer-alert.net](mailto:editor@prayer-alert.net), 12/01/12). **Praise God for the growing number of prayer spaces being hosted in these schools. Pray that He will grant the organizers grace to develop new resources in the year 2012. Pray that these young ones will discover God and proclaim His greatness in all the earth (Ps.8:2). Pray that children who enter these prayer spaces will get to know Jehovah, the true God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent.**

## **Pray for your community: Wives pray for your spouse**

Wives, do you desire the best for your spouse? Why not dedicate this year to pray for your husband? (Source: Jericho Walls Prayer Guide). **Pray for his work and his relationships with his co-workers. Pray for his handling of finances. Pray for his protection from temptations. Pray for protection of his thoughts. Pray for all his plans and dreams as well as fears and worries. Pray for his conversations, the advice that he gives and his influence.**

## **South Africa: Leaders and those in authority**

The opening of parliament is scheduled for February 2012. Everyone will have the opportunity to hear where we are heading as a nation. **Pray for our president, Jacob Zuma and every Member of Parliament. Pray that they will do their work as unto the Lord first and then to serve the people of the nation. Pray for the salvation of each member. Pray for the Christians amongst the Members of Parliament; that they will be people of godly influence, wisdom and walk in righteousness.**

## **International: Top list of countries where Christians are persecuted**

Open Doors published the annual World Watch List of the 50 countries where Christians face most persecution. North Korea tops the list for the 10th straight time, while Islamic-majority countries represent nine of the top 10, and 38 of the 50 countries on the ranking. Afghanistan (2), Saudi Arabia (3), Somalia (4), Iran (5) and the Maldives (6) form a bloc where indigenous Christians have almost no freedom to openly worship. For the first time Pakistan (10) entered the top 10, after a tumultuous year during which the nation's highest-ranking Christian politician, Cabinet Minister Shahbaz Bhatti, was assassinated for his attempts to change the blasphemy law. The rest of the top 10 is composed of Uzbekistan (7), Yemen (8), Iraq (9) and Pakistan (10). A great way to help Persecuted Christians to persevere amidst adversity, is to support them in prayer. (E-mail: [info@joelnews.org](mailto:info@joelnews.org), 12/01/12). **Continue to pray for these countries by name and ask the Lord to fulfil His purpose in each nation. Pray for those who have never heard the good news of the gospel – pray that the Lord will reveal Himself to them. Pray for the missionaries in these countries – that God will provide opportunities for them to share the gospel, lead people to Christ and disciple new believers.**

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